



**SHENFIELD ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a well-deserved rest over Easter and are ready for our last exciting term in Year 2. This term our topic will be 'Pirates', full of Swashbuckling fun! We will find out about the lives of significant individuals in the past, including Blackbeard and Christopher Columbus, and compare life in different periods. Geography lessons will develop map skills as we find out about key physical features that pirates would encounter, use world maps to identify the UK and its countries, as well as other countries, continents and oceans, use simple compass directions and grid references to describe the location of features and routes on a map. We are planning to visit Chatham Dockyard later on in the term to immerse ourselves in life on board a boat! We will give you more details soon. We have already started planning our Fabulous Finish, which will be our Year 2 pirate production. Both classes will perform their Class-led worship this term, which you are invited to watch. Fox Class will present theirs on 10th June and Hedgehog Class on 20th May.

Our focus authors are Timothy Knapman and Jeanne Willis and our writing units will be based on their books, 'Mungo and the Picture Book Pirates' and 'Bog Baby'.

We will start our science unit by finding about a variety of animals and their habitats and how they provide for the animals' basic needs. We will then move on to learning about plants and the conditions necessary for their growth. In our art lessons the children will explore line, shape, colour and texture to create a pirate inspired textile image using batik and sewing. We will also be learning about pneumatics, culminating in creating sharks with opening mouths using a pneumatic system.

For both Year 2 classes our PE days will be Monday and Thursday. A reminder, earrings must be removed for PE and your child must be able to remove them by themselves.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent via 'Google classroom' and there will be two projects to complete, one each half term. Spellings will be set weekly and tested on the following Thursday.

We are looking forward to the busy and productive Summer term.

Thank you for your continued support this year.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Chandler and Mrs Ward



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